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In re the Application of:

Applicant : Andrew S. Goldsborough

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Title : ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACID

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
FOR APPLICATION FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified
patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 56, and substitute in place thereof the
following new claims 1 through 7.

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- 1 1. A method of isolating RNA comprising an oligo- or polynucleotide from a
 - 2 sample comprising the steps of:
 - 3 (a) treating the sample with a reactant capable of covalently modifying
 - 4 the 2'-OH position of the ribose rings of the RNA under conditions
 - 5 so that a proportion of the 2'-OH positions of the ribose rings bear a
 - 6 substituent; and
 - 7 (b) preparing isolated RNA therefrom by separating material containing
 - 8 the substituent from the sample on the basis of a property of the
 - 9 substituent.

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